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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 847
By Walker (Rhea)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cara Reed, Spring City Elementary School sharpshooter who won the 1998 Elks Club National Free Throw Championship.

WHEREAS, it was with great excitement that the Tennessee General Assembly learned that Spring City Elementary School sixth grader Cara Reed won the prestigious 1998 Elks Club National Free Throw Championship, which was held Saturday, April 18 at the Civic Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, the city where basketball was invented by Dr. James Naismith; and

WHEREAS, Cara sank an incredible 23 of 25 free throws to capture the title in the 10-11 year-old division; and

WHEREAS, because she defeated the other 11 challengers, her name will be permanently enshrined in the National Basketball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, over 3,000,000 youngsters began the national competition in January, and Cara was one of 12 regional winners; and

WHEREAS, Rhea County Executive Billy Ray Patton declared April 24, 1998 as "Cara Reed Day"; and

WHEREAS, a valuable member of her school's basketball team, Cara sank an impressive 82% of her free throws during the 1997-1998 season; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented player also plays for the Tennessee Marymount Amateur Athletic Union team which won the state title last season; and

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WHEREAS, a straight A honor roll student, Cara is the daughter of very proud parents, Calvin and Patricia Reed, and she has one brother, Brent, a freshman at Rhea County High School; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to specially commemorate Cara's championship effort; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Cara Reed on her winning the 1998 Elks Club National Free Throw Championship and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.